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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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On Complaints—D. T. Best, K. T. Houston, D. R. Williams, J. M. Newkirk, M. T. Butler.

On Constitution—J. M. Newkirk, T. Parker, D. T. Best, J. T. Deans, D. A. Williams, G. R. Raynor, H. C. Wright, A. R. Middleton, A. J. Boney.

On Condition of Country—J. M. Newkirk, S. T. Shiver, J. L. Moore.

On Nomination of Officers—K. T. Houston, E. S. Stevens, D. A. Williams, R. P. Faison, Q. O. Lamb.

On Home Missions—J. S. Boney, D. C. Best, Isaac McClam, M. T. Butler, J. H. Johnson.

On Foreign Missions—Thos. Parker, J. B. Johnson, John Davis, Preston Bryant, S. B. Smith.

On Petitionary Letters—J. S. Hall, C. W. Kenan, A. Morgan, Henry Williams, Ed. Robinson.

PROCEEDINGS

WARSAW, N. C., Oct. 18th, 1917.

At 10:30 A. M., the Moderator, Rev. J. T. Deans, called the association to order, and talked to the ministers and delegates along the lines of unity, which produces peace, and peace produces humanity, and hoped that all had come to build up. He said this is not a political meeting and if any one had an axe to grind this is not the place to do it, neither is this the place to get even with any one but yourself and sin. He asked Rev. J. M. Newkirk to read the constitution, and Revs. N. H. Hall and James Hargrove to conduct the religious services. Hymn sung, "My soul be on thy guard." Rev. Hall read third chapter of St. John to the 16th verse, and led the association in prayer. No. 503 was sung, words "Come ye that love the Lord," after which Revs. Parker and Best made introductory remarks. Rev. J. M. Newkirk spoke on conservation of food stuff, also did the Moderator, and stated that there would be a set hour to speak on that matter.

The Moderator then stated that Fathers Parker and Best, who had built up this association with their energy and faithfulness, and Hon. A. R. Middleton is here with them, and has in his possession one of the minutes of forty-six years ago held at then Riley's Creek Church but now is St. John's Baptist Church in Pender county. The Moderator introduced Hon. A. R. Middleton, Deacon D. A. Williams of Kenansville, and Deacon Haywood Newkirk of Shoulders Branch Baptist Church at Castle Hayne, who were then and at that time at that session, later on Deacon H. C. Wright came in and they made the only brothers here that were present at that first session.

The Moderator introduced to preach the Introductory sermon Rev. S. T. Shiver, and Rev. W. M. Fennell as alternate, they ascended the rostrum, Rev. Fennell lined hymn No. 503 and after singing read the 8th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, 20 verses. Deacon H. Newkirk led us in prayer. Rev. Shiver introduced as his text 10th chapter of

Hebrews 4th verse, he waged a wise and witted sermon, closing with prayer by Rev. W. M. Fennell. The theme of the sermon was the blood of bulls and heffers. The Moderator asked Rev. W. A. Dixon and Deacon L. L. Loftin to lift a collection which amounted to $10.00. Recess was then taken until 2 P. M. Benediction by Rev. A. J. Boney.

FIRST DAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. C. R. Murry and Rev. Frank Faison. Rev. Murry read the 37th Psalm of David and led in prayer. Then the Moderator stated that Rev. George A. Miles, manager of the Winston-Salem Orphanage Asylum, with six orphan children, will be given a short space of time to lay their work before the association, and after hearing them the association gave them a public collection to the amount of $10.35.

Mrs. H. F. Price, with three other white ladies, managers of the Red Cross society, were given time and space to lay the red cross work before the association, and urged the ministers and delegates to go home and lay the matter before their congregations and do something for the nation's cause.

Minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted.

The Moderator said to the young men that after another 46 years let it be said of you the same that can be said of these 5 old pioneers Parker, Best, Middleton, Williams and Newkirk.

On motion of A. R. Middleton to make all visiting brethren welcome to seats in this convention and to all privileges save that of voting.

Then the churches and delegates were enrolled, see list of enrollment.

The association then took recess until 7:30 P. M.

FIRST DAY'S NIGHT SESSION

At 7:30 o'clock the Moderator called the association to order. Rev. J. S. Boney and M. W. Williamson conducted the religious exercises. Hymn No. 250 was sung. Rev. Boney read 3rd chapter of the Acts and offered prayer. Rev.

Williamson lined hymn No. 293, which was sung by the congregation in a very touching manner.

Next in order was the Welcome Address on the part of the Church by Rev. T. Parker, Pastor in charge, who made the officers, ministers and delegates, welcome on the part of the Church. On the part of the Sunday School by Bro. B. Gavin, our Supt., who said many nice things. On the part of other denominations by Rev. W. H. Best, in the absence of Rev. L. R. Pearce. Rev. W. H. Best said I am glad to be with you all, I want to welcome you to our churches, to our firesides, tables, beds, and to all the privileges that are necessary to make your stay here pleasant.

Then when the 8:49 train came in it brought Rev. L. R. Pearce, who had a written paper brim full of fine welcome.

Then welcomed us on the part of the City in the place of Capt. Johnson, by Senator R. D. Johnson, his son, that gifted orator and lawyer, he made a strong talk on the associations work, he said many things as he can say, and spoke of the great work in the future.

On motion of A. R. Mlddleton to extend a rising vote of thanks to the speakers.

Revs. J. D. McRay and W. H. Walker lifted a collection to the amount of $8.67. Recess was then taken until to-morrow morning at 9:30, benediction by Rev. B. D. Mdodona.

SECOND DAY'S MORNING SESSION

The association reassembled at 9:30, religious exercises were conducted by Revs. W. A. Dixon and M. S. Bass. Rev. Dixon read the 20th chapter of St. John and led in prayer. Rev. Bass lined hymn No. 507.

The proceedings of yesterday's afternoon and night sessions were read and adopted.

The rule of the Moderator was not stricken out as to churches loosing their annual membership.

The subject, "A real qualified Deacon to lead a Church," by Rev. W. H. Walker, followed by Revs. Underwood and Cobb.

The subject, "A real fitted Minister to lead a Church and congregation," led by Rev. J. D. McRay, D. A. Williams and G. R. Raynor.

The association then suspended the regular order of business to receive a delegation of the Red Cross ladies, namely: Mrs. H. F. Pearce, Mrs. Recks and Mrs. Walker, who were presented by Hon. A. R. Middleton, and they spoke on the above subject. Rev. McRay sang. Rev. Underwood moved to accept their work. On motion of A. R. Middleton that Dr. D. B. Mdodona respond to the above subject.

After they had all gone out, they sent back to have A. R. Middleton to come out, they wanted to be introduced to him, said they saw something in him for both white and colored.

The Presbytery reported, see report.

Deacon G. R. Raynor lifted the collection to the amount of $2.05, then the association took a recess until 2 P. M.

Benediction by Rev. Thomas Parker.

SECOND DAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 2 o'clock, religious services conducted by Revs. Hall and Grant. Then the Moderator announced that Rev. Underwood, and Rev. Dardin alternate, would fill the pulpit. Rev. Dardin lined hymn No. 487. Rev. Underwood took as a text Acts 31: 27, he made a wise selection and good subject. Rev. J. A. Kirkland closed in prayer. His subject was education, he proved that education meant more than books, said it takes in brains, actions, heart, hands and conduct of every kind. Then an Educational Rally to the amount of $69.55.

Recess until 8:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY'S NIGHT SESSION.

The night session opened at 8:30, Rev. I. M. Powers read the 16th chapter of St. Mark. Rev. K. T. Houston led in prayer. Rev. Mdodona introduced Rev. Powers as a Missionary for Hayti. He took for his text Mark 16: 15. Rev. Powers made a strong appeal for needed aid for Hayti. Revs. Godwin and Mdodona were called on to take up a collection for Hayti to the amount of $8.11. Recess was taken until Saturday morning. Benediction by Rev. I. M. Powers.

THIRD DAY'S MORNING SESSION

The association reconvened. Revs. S. J. Gavin and J. P. Page conducted religious services. Rev. Page read the 18th chapter of St. John. Rev. Gavin led in prayer.

The roll of delegates was called and the proceedings read and adopted.

At this hour the association was favored with the presence of Mr. Thad Jones (white) from Kenansville, a great Baptist worker. He was introduced by Hon. A. R. Middleton by saying he was from his town, where a lot of good white people lived, and was a high toned christian gentleman and I want you all to hear him for I know you will be pleased with what you hear.

Committee on Petitionary Letters made their report, see reports.

Committee on Home Missions reported, see reports.

Committee on Ways and Means reported, see reports.

At this hour Dr. W. H. Moore, Secretary of the Baptist State Union Convention was introduced, he layed before the association the great mission work of Hayti and the movement that is being carried on in this State by the Baptist State Union Convention. At the close of his remarks the association donated to that cause $12.26.

Then the association took recess until 2:30 P. M.

THIRD DAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 2:30 and was opened by Rev. S. Newkirk and Rev. W. J. Kenan, after which the Moderator announced the association in order for business.

Committee on Education reported, see report.

Then the Moderator read his Annual Address. On motion of Rev. J. M. Newkirk that it be received and referred to a special committee.

Then the Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, all made their reports and all were received and adopted.

The Principal of the Faison School asked to read his report to the association, the same was referred to a special committee, to-wit:—Revs. S. T. Shiver, F. E. Cobb, J. D. McRay and J. M. Newkirk.

The Trustees made their report, see report.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported, see report.

Report of Committee on Nomination of Officers:

For Moderator—Rev. J. T. Deans.

For Vice-Moderator—K. T. Houston 13 votes.
A. J. Boney 26 votes.

For Secretary—A. R. Middleton 25 votes.
J. M. Newkirk 16 votes.

For Treasurer—J. C. Herring 32 votes.
A. P. Middleton 9 votes.

Rev. J. M. Newkirk was elected Corresponding Secretary.

T. H. Sneed was elected Auditor.

Committee on the Condition of the Country made their report, see report.

Committee on Place reported, see report.

Committee on Resolutions reported see report.

The association took recess until 8:30 P. M.

THIRD DAY'S NIGHT SESSION

At 8:30 o'clock, Rev. K. T. Houston ascended the rostrum with Rev. G. H. Bryant as alternate, the subject was Union in all Things, the theme of the subject was "United we stand and divided we fall." In union we find peace, in peace we find harmony, in harmony we prosper. At the close of the great sermon Rev. D. B. Mdodona led the association in prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING

At 9:30, Sunday School was conducted by Deacon H. C. Wright and Mrs. W. O. Mdodona.

At 11:30, Rev. D. B. Mdodona ascended the rostrum and used for a text the 9th division of the Psalms of David, and preached a soul stirring sermon on missions. At the close a collection to the amount of $50.00 was raised, and $2.55 was raised for Rev. G. H. Bryant.

This closed our forty-seventh session to meet at Hall's Chapel, Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, the 17th, 1918.

Rev. J. T. DEANS, Moderator.

Hon. A. R. MIDDLETON, Clerk.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear Pastors, Deacons and Friends:

We have gathered once more as representatives of a great christian denomination to bring our forces and plans together for the uplift of fallen humanity, and the spread of the Master's kingdom on earth.

We are proud to be called Missionary Baptist for the name itself tells our faith and policy; and we are ready and willing at any time to bow to the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature."

The work before us. My brethren in the foregoing it is intimated that you have preached, taught, but now permit me to suggest that the time is at hand when the Baptist preacher must teach and preach. Teach men to think, know and act. Teach that the folks must be and do. Teach that frugality and economy should be hand-maids of industry. Teach the sacredness of our obligation. Teach the importance of filling engagements. Teach the durability of system in affairs. Teach the harmfulness of baleful habits. Teach these religious fundamentals. Teach them by precept and example.

I have not the time to tell you all that I desire to. In the midst of 365 days our heavenly Father guided us safely and to-day we find ourselves here at this appointed place.

It scarcely seems possible that we are meeting in the 47th annual session. How swiftly flies father time. Notwithstanding the winds at times were contrary, and the sea tempesteous, yet the old ship has weathered the gale, and still sails onward to our predicted goal.

We thank God that we have had in some respects phenominal succcess, and that no disaster has come to us. Burdens produced by startling political and national upheavals have upset business and the financial condition until unrest and anxiety bear heavily upon us.

The price of necessary articles rise by leaps and bounds until now it is a question of survival.

The condition of our Association. Our association for many years has done a noble and great work. The fathers of this great christian organization to congratulate themselves and the young men of our bound should pay them the highest tribute for the splendid work having thus been accomplished by these older men. From the general understanding of the field our ministers have been faithful and true to their profession and in prosecuting the work assigned to them by the great Head of the Church. The churches are as a whole in a very good condition with very bright prospects. Our association is in a splendid condition, this has been demonstrated by the faithfulness of our churches in sending up the required fees to the district convention and the association.

From what we see here in this present session any one can readily decide that the entire field is in good condition. But suffice it to be said, there is yet plenty room at the top.

Our Union Meetings. Within our bound there has been organized a quarterly meeting. This meeting constitutes both ministers and deacons. As your most humble servant, brethren allow me to criticize our attendance to the union meetings. Your attendance is not what it should be, remember the Master's command, "Go." Let us then go even though we may see nothing in sight. The policy of our union is to my mind a good one; the one cent system per member is an easy one and yet great work can be done through it, for fostering our educational work. We hope then that in the future we shall have your hearty co-operation.

Our Educational Work. We are living in times the like of which have never before been known. There are wars and rumors of wars everywhere in every land, and dessolation and destruction of life are so great that one feels as though the entire human race is now bleeding to death, but we feel that trusting God for all things we will succeed.

Brethren, the world is suffering for christian truth and light. And much of these needs may be and must be obtained from our christian schools and institutions. The heart must be fixed aright, must be renewed and properly trained. The three H's—Heart, Head and Hand must be sufficiently, and truly, and timely trained in order to do the world's most needful work. And I thank God that our school has done much in preparing our boys and girls and therefore our men and women to build up a clean strong race and a clean strong nation.

We shall never be able to measure the great good that the dollars which you great big hearted christian men and women have put in the work have done and are still doing. Let us renew our efforts here at this annual session to keep the work encouragingly progressive.

We are proud of you my dear beloved brethren and we thank you one and all for the hearty co-operation that you have given the Moderator. You are a body of noble hearted intelligent brethren and sisters gathered here to-day from every section of our district. I feel that your presence gives assurance of your continued support of our various abjects.

Somehow I cannot help from talking about our school and its needs. My heart is in the work, and I am glad to tell you that the work of the Faison Educational Normal and Industrial Institute at Faison, is greatly satisfactory. Prof. D. B. Mdodona the Principal, and the Matron Mrs. Mdodona have done their best for the Institution.

Women's Work. The women of our association can do great work if they are given chance and proper encouragement. Therefore

I recommend: (1) That the women hold one session during the sitting of our association annually, in order to help us in the great struggle of raising funds with which to carry on our educational work.

(2) That the members of the churches be requested to pay 25c. instead of 15c. per year.

(3) That our association give the Principal of our school Prof. Mdodona their full and unconditional support and furnish him with sufficient money to operate the school from each session of our association.

I hereby thank this association for the many honors accorded me and for the interest intrusted in my hands as your most humble Moderator.

Yours for service and success,

J. T. DEANS, Warsaw, N. C.

Welcome Address by Rev. Thomas Parker.

Brother Moderator and Brethren:

As Pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church, I do introduce you, by order of the church, to make yourselves welcome, to enjoy all the good blessings of our tables and beds, and that we may enjoy your presence. In coming to us we hope you will leave us in peace and harmony to the community, and that this association may prosper both spiritually and temporally.

Your father,

REV. THOMAS PARKER.

Report of Corresponding Delegate.

Brother Moderator and Brethren of this Kenansville E. M. B. Association:—I am glad to come to you with greetings from the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association. We held our 46th annual session last week at Betholite and it was one of the greatest sessions in the history of its existence, spiritually, educationally, morally and financially. We raised more money than ever before, and all the delegated seemed to be inspired as never before. Our Institution of learning at Burgaw is on the upward move, and we are doing everything we can to demonstrate to the world that we are standing for everything that is good and noble. We are sincerely craving an interest in your prayers, and we will reciprocate.

Humbly submitted your delegate,

Chas. R. Murray.

PETITION

To the Officers and Members of this Association:

We the Baptist Church at Friendship petition to your body for some aid to assist us on our church. Any aid given will be thankfully received. Respectfully yours,

J. W. Larkin, Delegate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

Bro. Moderator and brethren of the K. E. M. B. Association:

We your Committee on the Condition of the Country beg leave to submit the following report:—We are reluctant to attempt to relate the condition of our country, because of the crisis thru which we are passing and the uncertainty with which our passing is fraught. Our condition is serious but it could be worse. We are engaged in a cruel war with the Imperial Government of Germany and her allies and no one but God can tell what the final result will be. The object of this was as defined by the President of the United States is to make the world safe for democracy. Not of a favored few or class but of the whole civilized world. The U. S. of America is one of the greatest countries of the world because its constitution knows no creed, sect or race, but extends its protection to every one regardless of race or color. Tis true that the southern section have made some laws inconsistent with that of our great government, but wrong only rules 'till right gets ready, and we believe that right will win. Riots, lynching and labor troubles have menaced our country here and there, and a great many good men, women and children have been murdered in cold blood and in some instances soldiers have been found guilty of participating in the riots, yet we are loyal to our government and believe that evil hurts the doer most. The country that obeys God will ultimately win. Truth crushed to earth will rise again. Take Belgium, poor bleeding Belgium. A few years ago in carrying on the rubber trade in Congo, cut off the ears of poor helpless men and women and to-day her enemies have done the same for her. We are sending our sympathies and monies to relieve the distrees.

The principle upon which our Government rests is eternal. Tis true that in a republic the bad will sometimes triumph over the good but God declares that in all our ways acknowledge him he will direct thy steps. We recommend that all of our folks act as become christians and if called upon by the Government to render service to do so with alacrity. The flag of our country is the flag of liberty. Tis the same old flag carried by Washington, Greene, Sherman and Grant, and no man can afford to be a traitor.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. Shiver,
J. L. Moore,
J. McNewkirk, Sec'y.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Brother President:

We your Committee on Education beg to submit the following report:—Brother President much has been said upon the line of Edu-

cation as well as upon other lines, and since we are now facing the greatest revolution that has ever existed upon the annals of history, individually and nationally, be it resolved,

That the Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Churches belonging to the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association combine all of their forces to promote christian and industrial education by encouraging our young men and women to go to school and to grasp those possibilities that awaits in the future. It is further resolved, that both the attention and interest of this body be directed to the uplift and to the promotion of our young ministers by encouraging them upon literary as well as upon spiritual lines. And brother President, it is resolved, that we encourage even those who cannot attend school to read the bible and all other good literature that tends to cultivate and to elevate beings made in the image of God. Since in the history of the past among all nations, sexes and conditions, that education was needed, we therefore consider it more necessary in this most dangerous and complicated crisis in human society.

Ed. Faison,
S. T. Shiver,
A. J. Boney,
M. S. Bass.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator and brethren:

We your Committee on Home Missions ask to make the following report, to-wit:—Whereas, the Lord has so greatly blessed us with so many Churches and Sunday Schools, and whereas the Home Mission work has been neglected, be it resolved, that we recommend that all of our pastors take a special collection in their churches for Home Missions every quarterly meeting for missionary purposes and send up to the association at the annual session.

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Boney, Chmn.
J. H. Johnson,
Isaac McClam,
M. T. Butler,
D. C. Best.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

Brother Moderator and brethren:

We your Committee on Place wish to make the following report, to-wit:—We had petitions before us as follows, Hall's Chapel, Registers Grove and Eastern Chapel. After considering them we recommend that we will hold the next session in 1918 with the Hall's Chapel Baptist Church, near Burgaw, Pender County.

C. C. Herring, Chmn.
S. Newkirk,
J. W. Larkin,
H. L. Middleton,
R. M. Thompson.

RECOMMENDATION OF OFFICERS.

We your committee recommend the following:—For Moderator, Rev. J. T. Deans. For Vice-Moderator, Rev. K. T. Houston. For Clerk, Hon. A. R. Middleton. For Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. M. Newkirk. For Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Herring. For Auditor, Prof. T. H. Sneed.

On motion of Rev. J. D. McRay to adopt the report by sections.

For Clerk in place of A. R. Middleton, Rev. J. A. Hill put in Prof. J. M. Newkirk. The vote stood Newkirk 14, Middleton 28.

For Vice-Moderator, Rev. A. J. Boney was put in, the vote stood Boney 25, Houston 11.

For Treasurer, J. M. Newkirk put in A. P. Middleton, the vote stood Middleton 7, Herring 33.

Then the report stood:

For Moderator, Rev. J. T. Deans. For Vice-Moderator, Rev. A. J. Boney. For Clerk, Hon. A. R. Middleton. For Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. M. Newkirk. For Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Herring. For Auditor, Prof. T. H. Sneed.

K. T. Houston, Chmn.
E. S. Stevens,
D. A. Williams,
R. P. Faison,
Q. O. Lamb,
L. L. Loftin.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator:

We your Committee ask to make the following report, to-wit:—We have collected from the different parts of the bounds this year for missions for the foreign field the small sum of five dollars and forty cents, and yet the half has not been done, it seems like it is hard to get our pastors to understand the greater part of Thy work is missions, to help others and not so much for themselves. They do not take an active part in this great work. Brother ministers, why not lay this cause before your people and preach a clean gospel to them and not so many isms. We pray God that they may see better in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. Middleton, Chmn.
H. C. Wright,
W. H. Walker,
R. C. Johnson,
E. P. Moore,
C. D. Highsmith,
E. S. Stevens.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Brother Moderator and Brethren:

We your Committee on Obituary ask to submit the following report:—No one has been reported as having died this year, so we thank God for having caused no loss in our ranks this year, so let us pray much. Submitted,

D. Nixon, Chmn.
Willie Cooper,
Walter Batts,
M. C. Middleton,
G. R. Raynor.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

We your Committee ask to submit the following report:

A petition from Friendship Baptist Church asking for aid to build a church.

New Hope Baptist Church asking for aid to build.

We recommend them to this body for aid.

A petition from Murphy's Mission asking for the ordaining of Rev. S. Newkirk as their pastor.

A petition from Beulahville, Duplin County. We find her regularly set apart so we recommend her to this body for membership.

Submitted,

H. W. Hall, Chmn.
J. S. Hall,
H. Newkirk,
G. P. Alderman.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator and Brethren:

We your Committee on Foreign Missions beg to make our report as follows:—Whereas, the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in this christian land, and we have so many Churches and Sunday Schools, and other lands and countries have been deprived of such, we recommend that there be a special collection taken up and sent to the heathen in the land of need for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Parker,
J. B. Johnson,
Preston Bryant,
S. B. Smith,
J. W. Larkin.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

We your Committee on Grievances beg to submit the following:—We find a complaint between the First Baptist Church of Bowden, and its pastor Rev. F. E. Cobb. After a careful and prayerful examination we find the church in error and that Rev. Cobb is pastor until November 1917, and that we condemn the action of certain individuals who are destroying the church.

J. M. Newkirk, Chmn.
J. D. McRay,
D. R. Williams,
D. T. Best,
C. T. Underwood,
K. T. Houston,
M. T. Butler.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL BOARD.

Mr. President and members of this Association:—Greeting

Having been appointed by you to act and to serve in the ministerial functions of this noble body, we hereby submit you our first annual report:—We have carefully watched the field and thus far we find our ministerial forces advancing in study, and yet we find there is great need for prepared ministers to lead our flock. We are glad to say we have not had a single call this year for the purpose of trying a minister for any misdemeanor whatever. There seems to be a spirit of co-operation existing in our ministerial ranks which we trust will continue. We have examined three young men which have passed and have been ordained, and we recommend the same to our Elders Roll.

Recommendation—We recommend that hereafter all ministers or churches causing this board to be called for the purpose of examining a candidate shall pay a fee of five dollars, which shall be placed in our boards treasury for expenses.

Humbly submitted,

J. D. McCrea, Chmn.
D. B. Mdodona, Sec'y.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. President:

Whereas, the call of the minister is the most sacred of any call, obtained by man, and whereas, our present manner of electing a pastor is rather methodic instead of apostolic, therefore be it resolved, that this association put itself on record as having conformed to the old rule of the Baptist church. And whereas, we have been electing pastors annually that we make one call and that call shall be indefinitely or as long as the church and the pastor can agree, and in the event they disagree either side shall give the other three months notice.

Humbly submitted,

J. D. McCrae.

The following Committee approved the same:—W. H. Moore, D. D., H. C. Wright, N. H. Hall, H. W. Wilson, F. E. Cobb.

Report of Finance Committee.

CHURCHES	Members	Representative Fees	Paid	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Total
Shady Grove	52	$ 7 80	$ 7 80	25	25	25	$ 8 55
Willard Chapel	145	17 25	17 25	2 03	....	....	19 28
Smith Chapel	43	6 40	6 40	....	....	....	6 40
Poplar Grove	62	10 35	.....	....	....	....	10 35
Hall's Chapel	132	20 00	20 00	....	....	....	20 00
Union Chapel	75	11 25	11 25	....	....	....	11 25
St. Luke	45	6 75	6 75	....	....	....	6 75
Stephen Chapel	28	4 20	4 20	....	....	....	4 20
First Baptist Kenansville	322	23 90	23 90	....	....	....	23 90
Faison Chapel	46	6 90	6 90	....	....	....	6 90
Pilgrim Rest	92	13 80	13 80	....	....	....	13 80
Roseville	280	18 56	18 56	....	..	....	18 56
St. John	120	15 00	15 00	....	....	....	15 00
Friendship	78	7 00	7 00	....	....	....	7 00
Six Runs	347	23 15	23 15	85	....	....	24 00
Magnolia	180	11 00	11 00	3 15	....	....	14 15
Chinquepin	95	11 25	11 25	....	....	....	11 25
Mt. Holly	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Bowden	63	8 25	8 25	2 91	....	...	11 16
Hallsville	57	8 15	8 15	....	....	....	8 15
Hill's Chapel in Pender	50	5 25	5 25	...	....	1 00	6 25
Mt. Gilead	171	26 05	.....	....	....	....	26 05
Birds Chapel	64	7 05	7 05	....	....	...	7 05
Central Baptist	280	16 60	16 60	....	....	....	16 60
Shoulders Branch	79	12 00	12 00	....	....	1 00	16 15
Scotts Hill	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
McCallop's Chapel	36	5 55	5 55	....	....	....	5 55
Newkirk Chapel	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
New Hope	33	4 50	4 50	....	....	....	4 50
Watha Chapel	72	6 00	6 00	....	....	....	6 00
Hill's Chapel in Duplin	300	10 65	....	...	....	....	10 65
Man Hollow	38	5 70	5 70	....	....	....	5 70
Grove Street	40	6 00	6 00	....	....	....	6 00
Eastern Chapel	65	7 00	7 00	....	....	....	7 00
Wilson Chapel	85	12 00	12 00	....	....	....	12 00
Wrightboro	10	1 50	1 50	....	25	...	1 75
Love Grove	13	3 90	3 90	....	....	....	3 90
Bear Swamp	150	22 50	22 50	....	....	....	22 50
Registers Grove	48	4 00	4 00	....	....	....	4 00
Maysville	40	3 90	3 90	....	....	....	3 90
Daisy Chapel	21	3 15	3 15	....	....	....	3 15
Peter's Tabernacle	31	4 65	4 65	....	....	...	4 65

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptised	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Male Members	Female Mem	Total Members
Bear Swamp	12	3	3	3	4	4	40	110	150
Shady Grove		4					18	34	52
Willard Chapel				4	4	1	36	78	115
Smith Chapel							20	23	43
Poplar Grove		1				2	27	35	62
Hall's Chapel	2					1	32	100	132
St. Luke		2			1		20	25	45
Stephen Chapel	1	1					12	16	28
Union Chapel	12	5	1	1	2	1			75
First Baptist Kenansville	18	8	2	4	5	6	113	209	322
Faison Chapel		2					20	26	46
Pilgrim Rest		6	2		7	3	30	52	82
Roseville	23	3	1	2	3	3			280
St. John	24	3	2	2		2	40	80	120
Friendship							38	40	78
Six Runs	20	8		2	12	2	100	247	347
Magnolia	10	3	1		5	4			180
Chinquepin	1	1			1	1	40	55	95
Grove Street	1		2	1			16	24	40
Mt. Holly	1	2	2		2	2	8	2	10
Bowden	1	2			4	1	24	39	63
Hallsville	1	1					25	30	55
Hill's Chapel in Pender					4	1	8	42	50
Mt. Gilead	22	10	2		7	3	71	100	171
Birds Chapel	7					1	32	32	64
Central Baptist	13	3	18		2	5	102	178	280
Registers Grove	3		1			1	25	20	45
Shoulders Branch	5		1		15	2	25	54	79
Watha Chapel	9	2				4	32	40	72
Man Hollow	12	3			5		16	22	38
McCallops	3					5	10	26	36
Hill's Chapel in Duplin	9	3	1	1		5			300
Eastern Chapel		4				4	20	105	125
New Hope	8					1			33
Maysville		1			1		14	12	26
Peter's Tabernacle	1	6			1	1	14	17	31
Wilson Chapel	2	3		1	10		35	50	85
Love Grove							6	7	13
Beulahville									21

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Pastors and Address	Clerks and Address
Bear Swamp—T. Parker, Warsaw	D. C. Best, Warsaw
Shady Grove—A. J. Boney, Castle Hayne	Miss D. Bowden, Mt. Olive
Willard Chapel—J. ~~T. Deans, Warsaw~~	G. H. Walker, Willard
Smith C—F. E. Cobb, Wilmington	C. H. Williams, Kenansville
Poplar Grove—S. T. Shiver, Wilmington	D. J. Hargrove, Faison
Hall's Chapel—J. N. McKnight, Burgaw	J. S. Murphy, Burgaw
St. Luke—Frank Faison, Turkey	J. H. Herring, Mt. Olive
Stephen C—J. M. Newkirk, Rose Hill	J. W. Spencer, Goldsboro
Union C—A. J. Boney, Castle Hayne	J. B. Bland, Currie
1st B Kenansville—W H Walker, Warsaw	G E Stanford, Magnolia
Faison C—~~J. M. Newkirk, Rose Hill~~	Willie Cooper, Warsaw
Pilgrim Rest—K. T. Houston, Mt. Olive	A. P. Murphy, Tomahawk
Roseville—~~F. E. Cobb, Wilmington~~	G. W. Fennell, Willard
St. John—R. R. Dardin, Fayetteville	T E Armstrong, Rocky Point
Friendship—J. D. McRay, Wilmington	Julia Fennell, Rocky Point
Six Runs—~~T. Parker, Warsaw~~	Ed. Faison, Faison
Magnolia—~~W. H. Walker, Warsaw~~	I. S. Moore, Magnolia
Chinquepin—~~W. H. Walker, Warsaw~~	John Whitty, Chinquepin
Grove St.—H T Hopkins, Wilmington	D A Williams, Kenansville
Mt. Holly—S. ~~J. Grant~~	
Bowden—	C. F. Faison, Bowden
Hallsville—W. M. Fennell, Rocky Point	Ella Williams, Hallsville
~~Hill's C. in Pender.~~	J. L. Moore, Rocky Point
Mt. Gilead—~~J. T. Deans, Warsaw~~	Thos. Pettiford, Mt. Olive
Birds C—S. T. Shiver, Wilmington	Hayes Williams, Rose Hill
Central B—D. B. Mdodona, Wilmington	W. M. Lauren, Wilmington
Registers Grove—R. M. Godwin, Roseboro	P. Peterson, Rose Hill
Shoulders Brch.—J T ~~Deans, Warsaw~~	W M Newkirk, Castle Hayne
Watha C—T. H. Hall, Wilmington	A. J. McKenan, Watha
Man Hollow—C. R. Murry, Willard	J. E. Shepard, Sloop Point
McCallops—J. D. Fryor, Warsaw	H. H. Cooper, Turkey
Hill's C in Duplin—~~T. Parker, Warsaw~~	W. H. Thompson, Faison
Eastern C—~~T. Parker, Warsaw~~	S. Sutton, Goldsboro
New Hope—G. P. Alderman, Wallace	W. M. Messic, Watha
Maysville—~~J. D. Fryor, Warsaw~~	Mollie Sollis, Mt. Olive
Peter's Tab—~~F. E. Cobb, Wilmington~~	J. V. Highsmith, Wallace
Wilson C—C. T. Underwood, Clinton	C. C. Herring, Warsaw
Love Grove—~~S T Shiver, Wilmington~~	A J Williams, Topsail Sound
Beulahville—J. D. Ballard, Magnolia	J. W. Chasten, Beulahville

Warsaw, N. C., Oct. 29th, 1917.

A committee of the whole met in the Bear Swamp Baptist Church, at Warsaw, N. C., Rev. A. J. Boney, Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. M. Newkirk, opened the meeting. Rev. Newkirk read 23rd Psalm. Rev. Thomas Parker offered prayer. In the absence of Rev. J. T. Deans, Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Rev. A. J. Boney stated the object of the meeting and presided over the meeting, Hon. A. R. Middleton acted as secretary.

The object of this meeting was to find out if the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention and the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association together hold the rights to the property of the Industrial Training and Educational School at Faison, N. C., as their property, by the deeds for the land, or did the trustees own it as theirs, or was it the Convention's the Association's, or the Trustee's, said trustees were only trustees, just the same as trustees of your several churches, and had no more power than church trustees, only the appointments to fill vacancies in case of a death, removal or resination. There were two lawyers invited to look into the legality of the deeds and the bill of the incorporation, lawyer H. L. Stevens. white, and lawyer N. D. White, a colored lawer, and both said the property belonged to the Convention and Association above stated and not to the trustees. Then the contending parties asked to amend Section 2. which will put the power to fill vacancies in the hands of the two bodies by nomination of such person as a joint meeting may name as qualified. This was agreed to and A. R. Middleton, treasurer of the Trustees Board had all of the deeds for the land and receipts, bills for building of the dormitory and for what money that had been paid out and received by him as treasurer, and told them he wanted them to look over them. They said they were satisfied. Now we hope this will satisfy all as to the land deeds and the bill of incorporation.

REV. A. J. BONEY, Vice-Moderator.

A. R. MIDDLETON, Secretary.

H. B. 1353. 799
S. B. 1256.

An act to incorporate the Industrial Training and Educational School, of Faison, North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Corolina do entact:

Section 1. That H. C. Wright, A. R. Middleton, D. A. Williams, Peter Johnson, G. R. Raynor, Rev. N. Moore, R. A. Spears, Rev. J. N. Newkirk, J. R. Coel, S. S. Stevens, and J. C. Herring, colored, and their successors in office, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "Industrial Training and Educational School" for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a school or system of schools, at Faison, N. C., in which may be taught the usual educational branches and manual training as to the said trustees may seem expendient and proper, with the privilege

of using a common seal to be altered at their pleasure; with the power in their corporate name to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to hold real and personal property, by gift, purchase, donation, or otherwise, as they may deem necessary and convenient to the establishment and maintenance of the said school, to make all rules needful and necessary for the government of their body, and for carrying into effect the purposes of their said institution, and to do all acts pertaining to similar corporations, not inconsistent with the laws of North Carolina and the United States.

Old Sec. 2. That upon the death, resignation, or removal from the state of either of said trustees, such place shall be filled by the remaining trustees from such persons as they may deem qualified to fill the same.

THE INCORPORATED ACT AMENDED.

New Sec. 2. That Section second of the Act to incorporate the Industrial Training and Educational School of Faison, N. C., be so amended as to read:

(a) That upon the death, resignation, removal or disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by the K. E. M. B. Association and Convention by joint committee from such persons as they may deem qualified to fill the same.

(b) That the Trustees shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are qualified.

(c) That two thirds of the Trustees shall always hold over making one third to be elected annually at the first Annual Session.

Sec. 3. That said Trustees shall not be individually liable for the debts of the said corporation.

Sec. 4. That the said Trustees shall have the power to employ such teachers as they may deem necessary, fix the tuition of pupils, and provide means as they see fit to exceange tuition for work, and to provide for the education of indignent pupils, and for free tuition, if they see proper, and may, if they like contract with the local school committee for the teaching of public school in their institution.

Sec. 5. That all property both real and personal now owned by the said trustees for said school, or either of them shall immediately vest in the said corporation.

Sec. 6 That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of March, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

W. C. NEWLAND, President of Senate.

GEO. L. MORTON, Speaker pro tem of House of Rep.

Enrolled and read by M. F. Jones.
Proof read by M. F. Means.
Examined and found correct by Braswell, for committee.

COVENANT.

Forasmuch as almighty God by his grace, has been pleased to call us, as we hope out of darkness into His marvelous light; and all of us have been regularly baptised on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus, and have given up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another in a gospel church relation, to be governed and guided by proper discipline, according to God's word; we do, therefore, in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by His assistance, covenant and agree to keep the discipline of the church, of which we are members, in the most brotherly affection toward one another and endeavor punctually to observe the following rules:—1st, In brotherly love to pray for each other, to watch over one another, and if needed be in the most tender and affectionate manner to reprove one another; that is if we discover anything amiss in a brother, to go and tell him of his faults according to the direction given in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew, and not be whispering and backbiting. 2nd. We also agree, with God's assistance, to pray in our families, attend our church meetings, and not to absent ourselve from the communion of the Lord's supper without a lawful excuse. To be ready to contribute to the defraying of the church expenses, and support of the Missionary, and not irregularly depart from the fellowship of the church, nor remove to distant churches without a regular dismission.

These things we do covenant and agree to observe and keep sacred, in the name of and by the assistance of the Holy Trinity.

AMEN.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denonimated and known as the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament to foster harmony among the churches, to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, and to aid in the establishing a High School for the education of the people.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of ministers and delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates who shall be members or pastors of that church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation. The letter must state the condition of the church and the amounts of money sent up for each and all purposes.

Art. 5. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of votes cast, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribution of the same among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep in correspondence with other bodies in good standing.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches and to collect one-half the funds during the session and the other half he shall pay to the church where the Association is held, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Auditor at each annual session of the Association to examine carefully the receipts, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the same shall be attached.

Art. 11. This Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members, which committee shall have the supervision of Associational missions and colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 12. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which shall neglect to preserve Gospel order, or contribute 15 cents per member as representative fees to the Association annually.

Art. 13. This Asociation may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the Association except that of voting.

Art. 14. The annual session of this association shall commence on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 15. By appointment of this Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary, Temperance, Educational and Doctrinal sermon preached.

Art. 16. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 17. This Association shall contribute to the support of any superanuated minister in good standing in this Association the sum of five dollars per annum.

Art. 18. All Ordained Ministers shall pay $1.50, Licentiates $1.00, Deacons 50c. Delegates 25c. as annual fees.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his abence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference with devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at each regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the conference shall be introduced by a motion, when seconded shall be debated and acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, unless by permission of the church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in all matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instruction of our Lord's gospel recorded by St. Mathew, 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church shall be the subjects of the discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be re-considered upon the motion of any one who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speaker to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is made known. In case of his absence, a chairman pro tem shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalties.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move for a re-consideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. This Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the association by a majority of votes.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

From October 18th, 1915, to October 1916.

Balance	$ 56.10
Received from Shoulders Branch, Oct. 18, 1916	560.83
Making a total of	$616.93

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid J. T. Deans	38.08
" A. R. Middleton, Education	272.77
" J. N. McKnight	9.20
" D. T. Best	5.00
" J. M. Newkirk, Missionary work	7.50
" Rev. G. W. Moore	25.00
" Rev. T. Parker	1.15
" H. C. Wright	1.60
" Rev. Mdodona for teaching	104.91
" Mrs. W. O. Mdodona	10.95
" John Larkin, refused check	2.50
" Richardson Printing Company for minutes	37.50
" Delegates to State Convention	22.25
" to the Baptist State Convention	6.95
" Hon. A. R. Middleton, fees	20.00
" Rev. J. T. Deans	6.00
" Delegates to State Convention	5.40
" Mrs. R. A. Spears	8.50
" Rev. D. T. Best	5.00
" H. Newkirk	1.50
" Richardson Printing Company	4.50
" Literature expenses	2.75
" W. H. Moore	8.05
" 5th Sunday in March 1916 to A. R. Middleton	10.00
" April 24th, 1916, to Hon. A. R. Middleton	6.50

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jno. C. Herring, Treasurer.